Munitions Are Dangerous

Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

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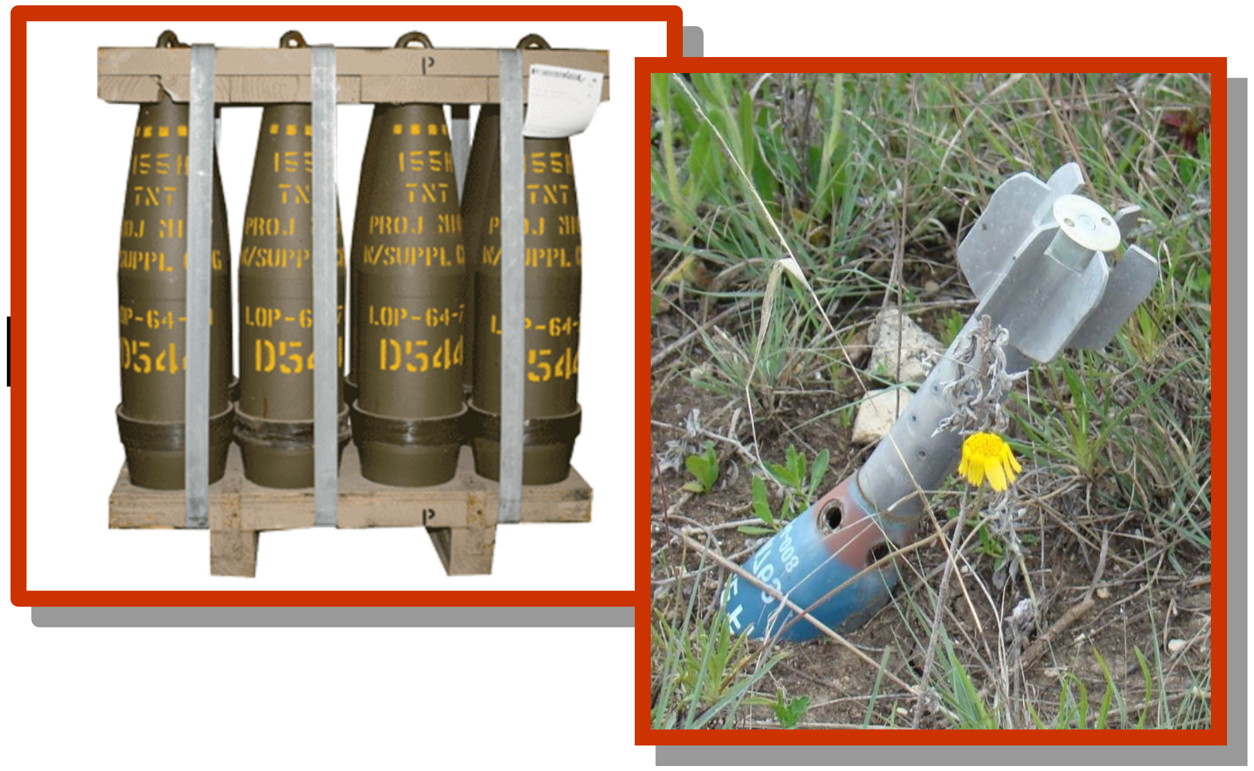
Retreat - do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area.

Report - call 911 and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.

What are Munitions?

Munitions include:

Artillery
& Mortar
Rounds



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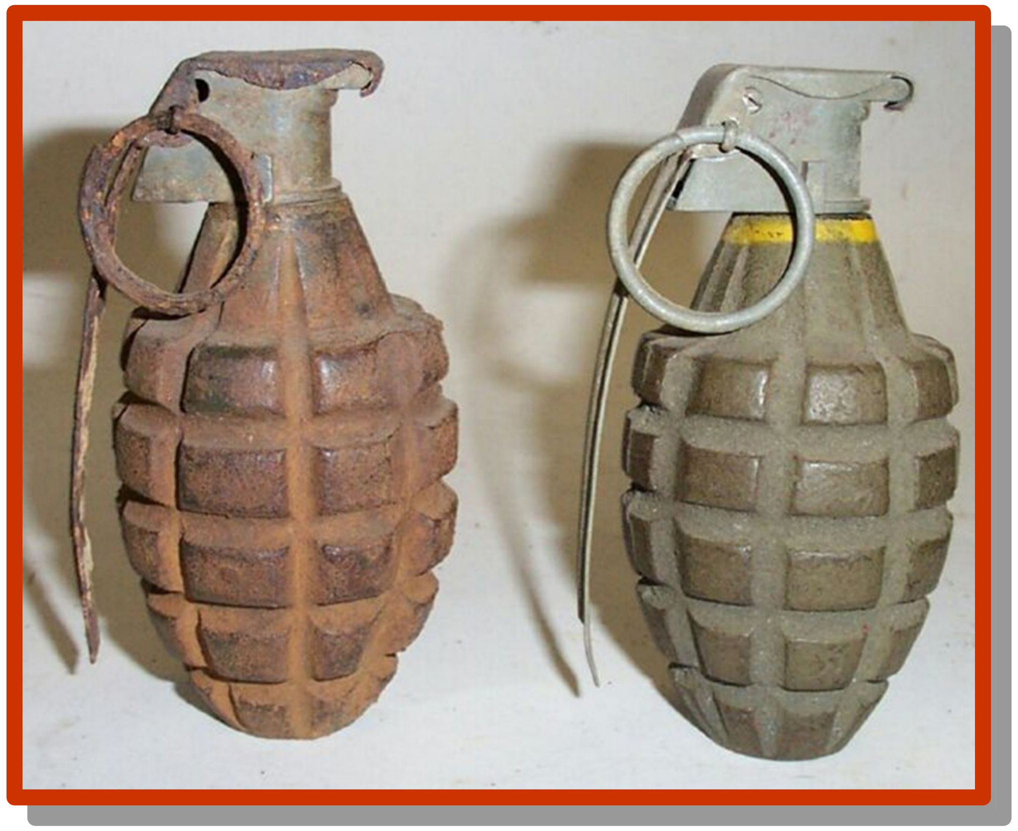

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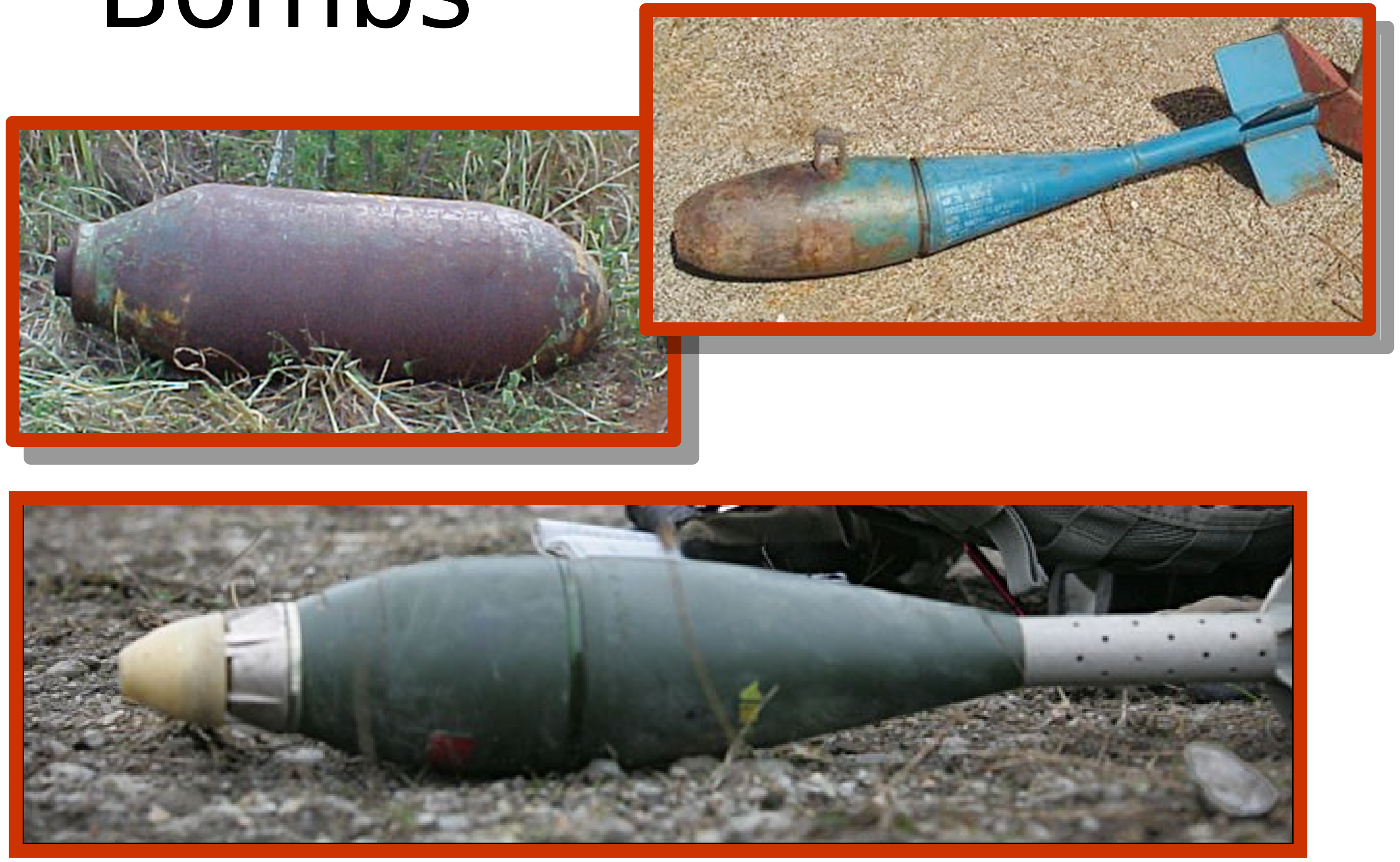

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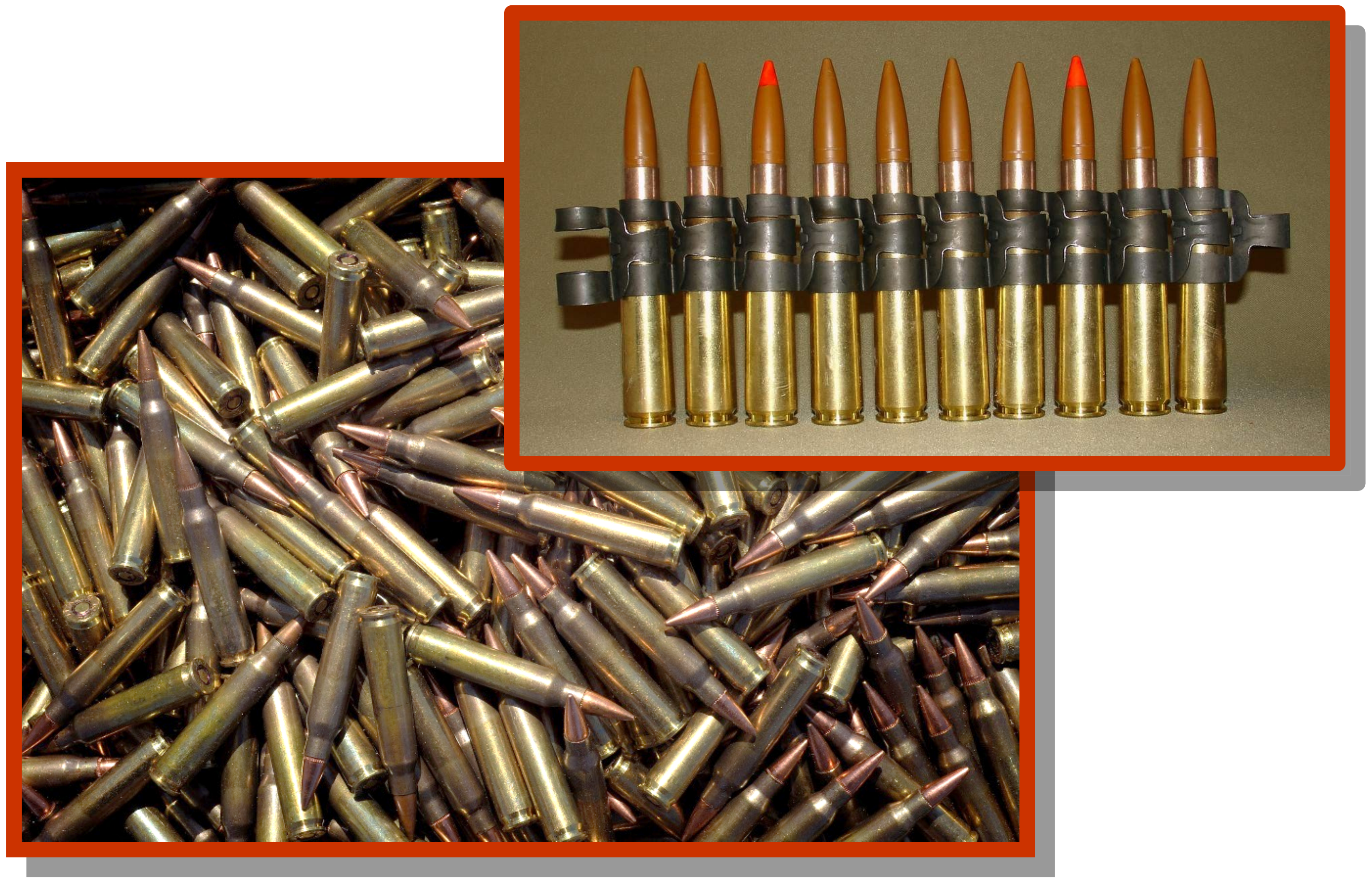


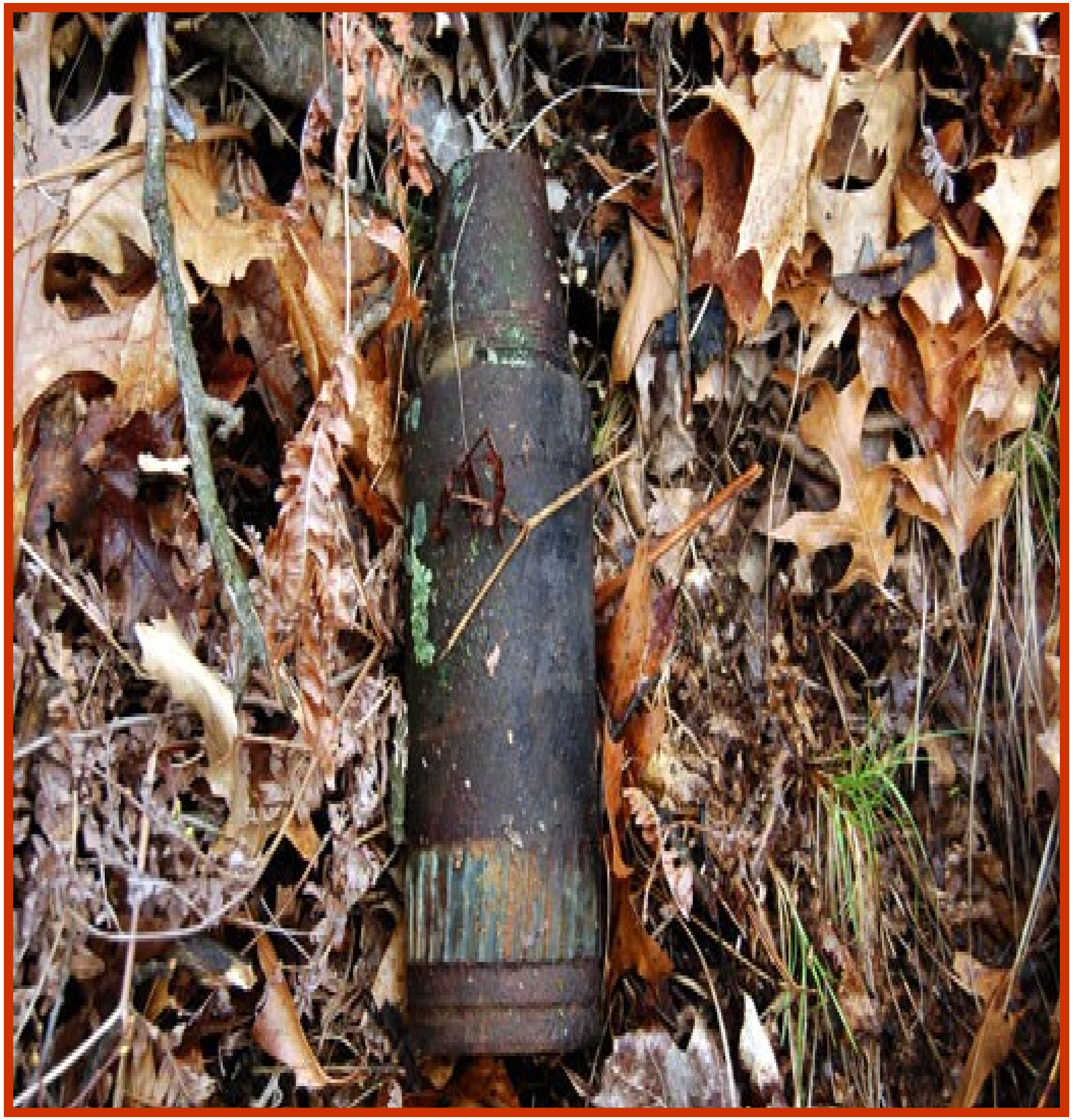
What are UXO?

What are Unexploded Ordnance?

- Munitions (ammo) that failed to
  function properly;
- Can be of any type;
- May just be a component of a munition (e.g., fuze or expose explosive fill)

Some Munitions are Hard to Identify

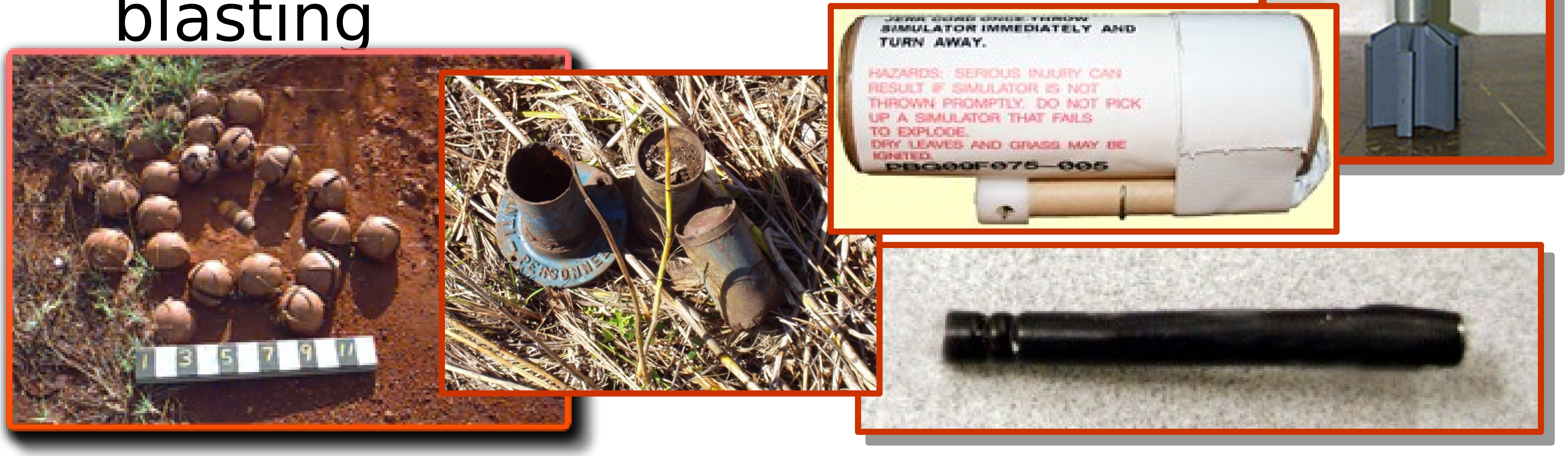
Explosives may be encountered anywhere on an installation or on former installation property (FUDS) from past years of military



Munitions Vary in Appearance

Munitions are dangerous regardless of appearance:

- Munition type, shape, size, age, or condition don’t matter.
- Flares, simulators, and blasting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ANTI-PERSONNEL
SIMULATOR IMMEDIATELY AND
TURN AWAY.
HAZARDS: SERIOUS INJURY CAN
RESULT IF SIMULATOR IS NOT
THROWN PROMPTLY. DO NOT PICK
UP A SIMULATOR THAT FAILS
TO EXPLODE.
DRY LEAVES AND GRASS MAY BE
IGNITED.
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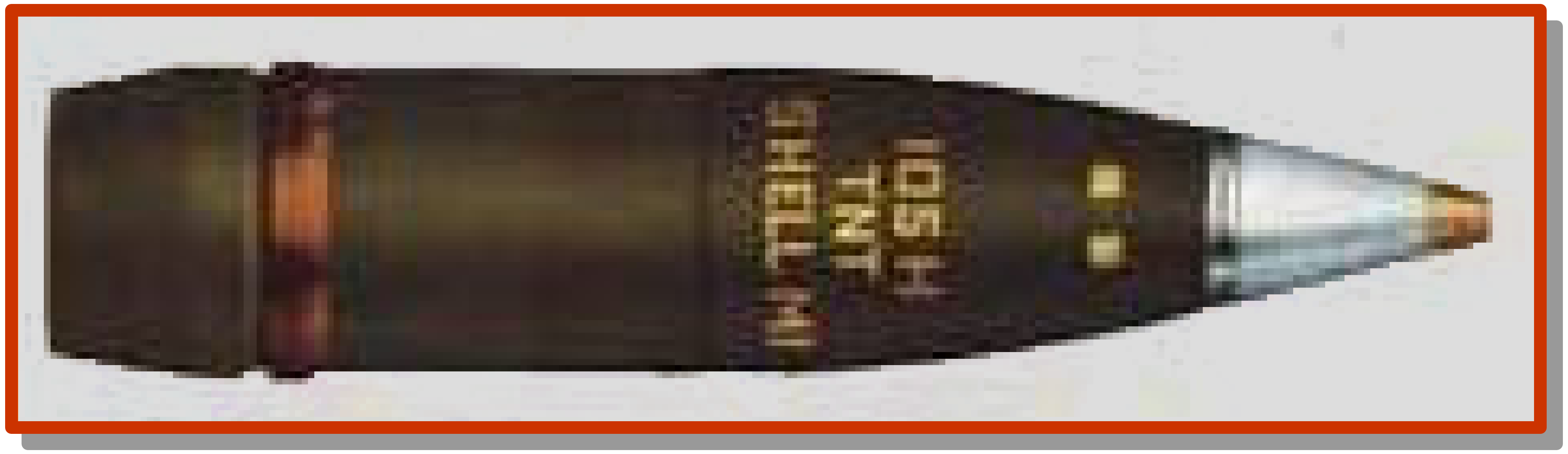
Artillery Projectile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TNT
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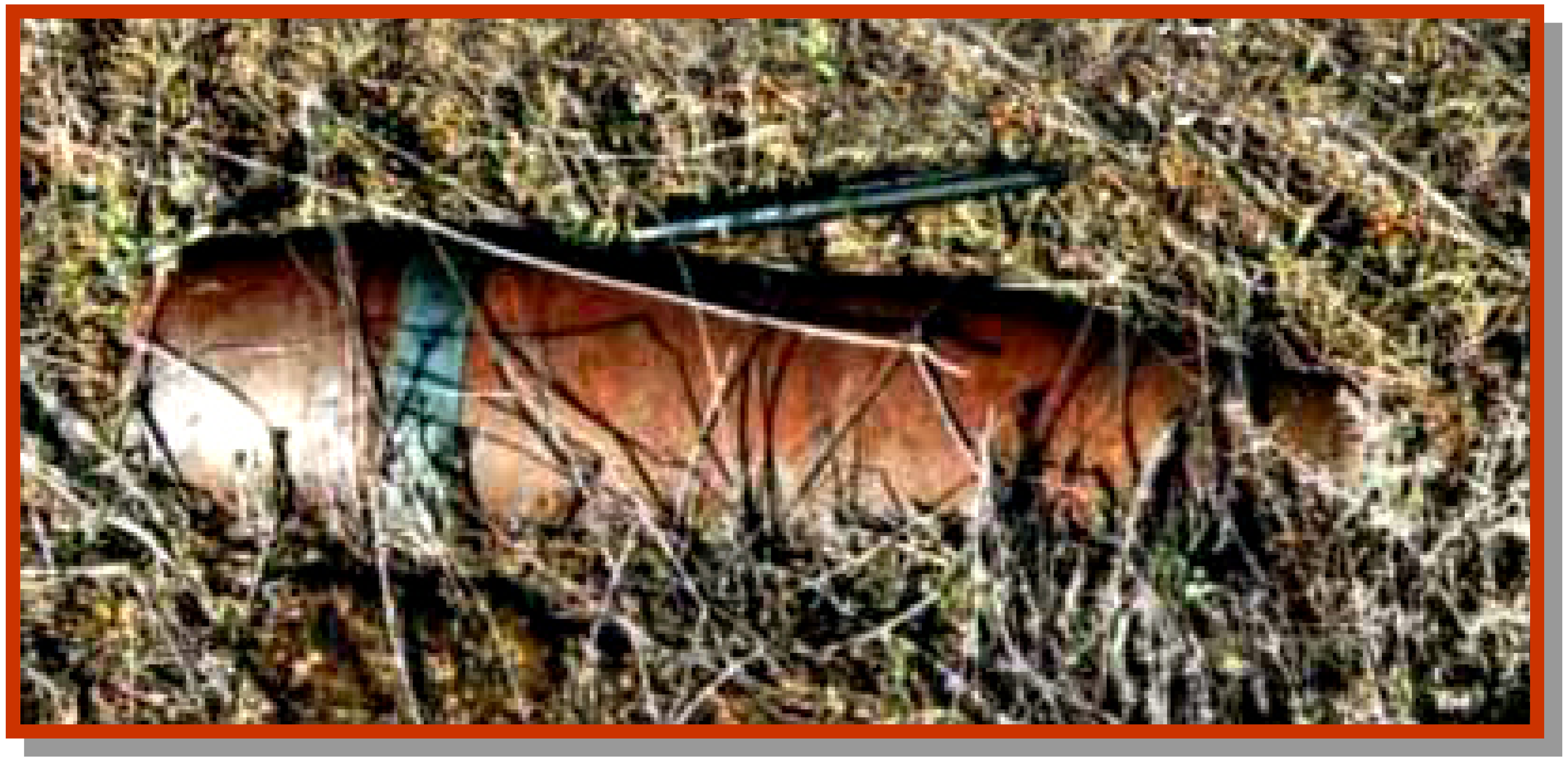
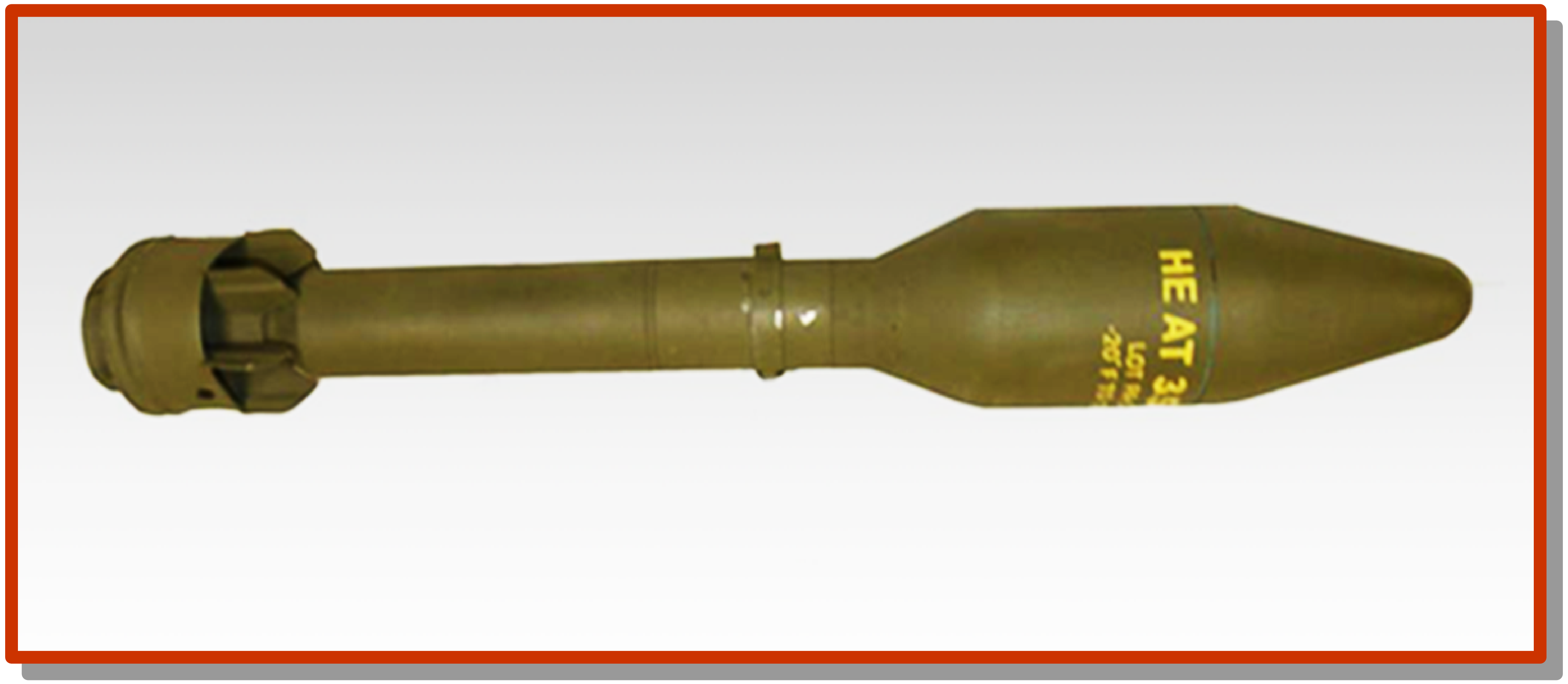
New

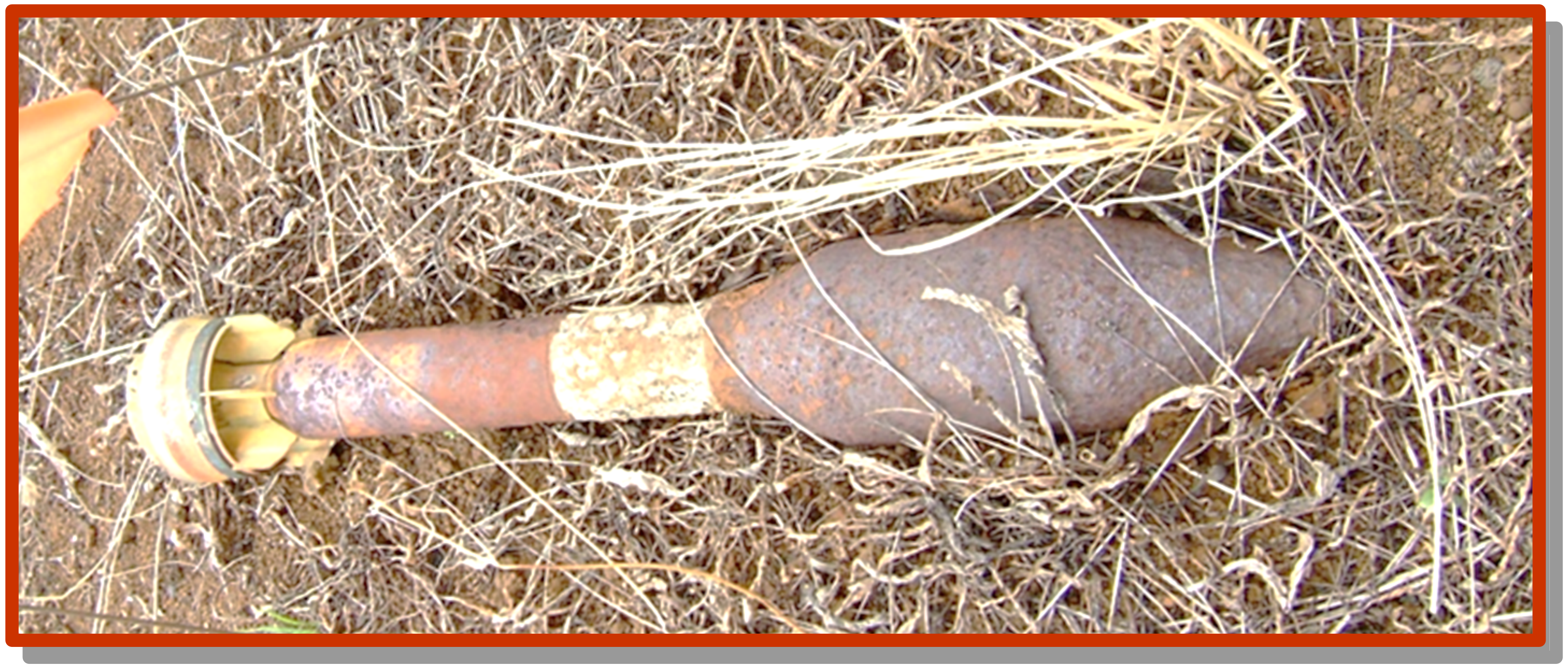


Used

Rockets

New





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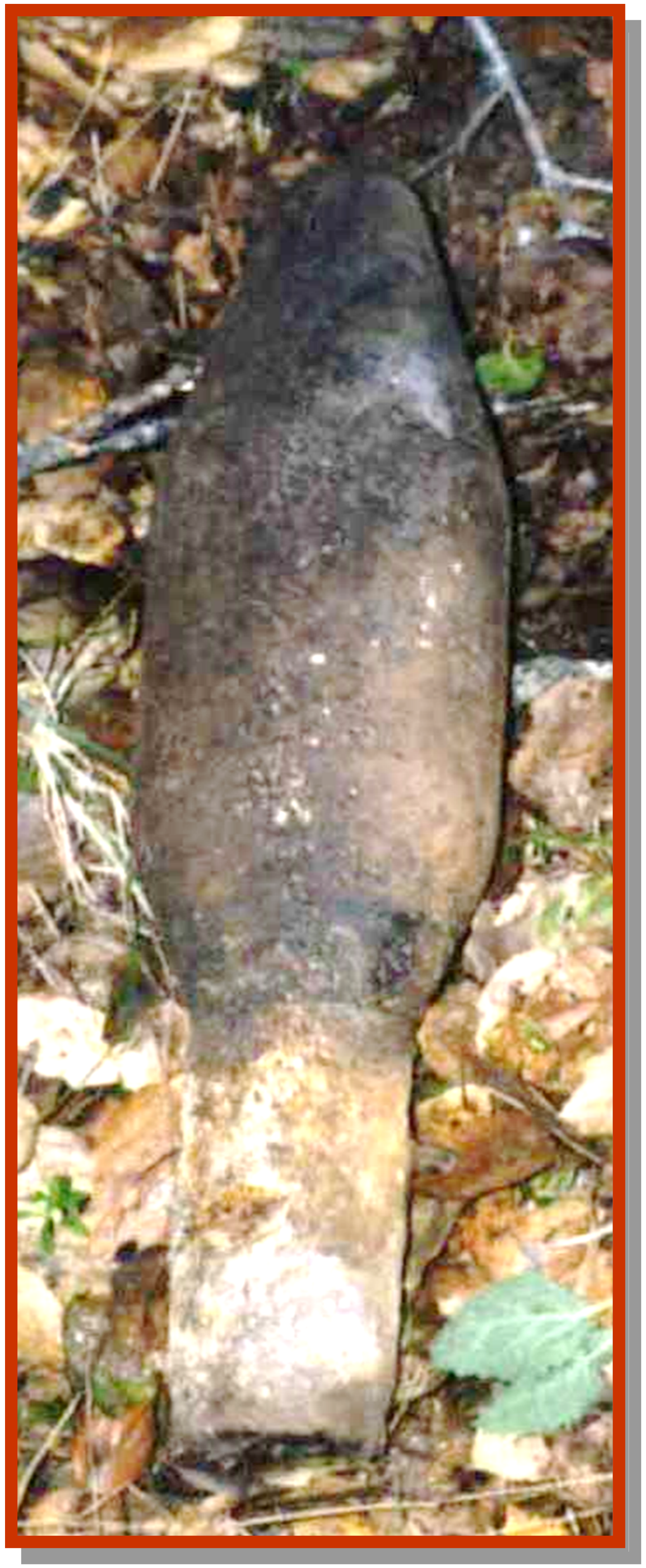

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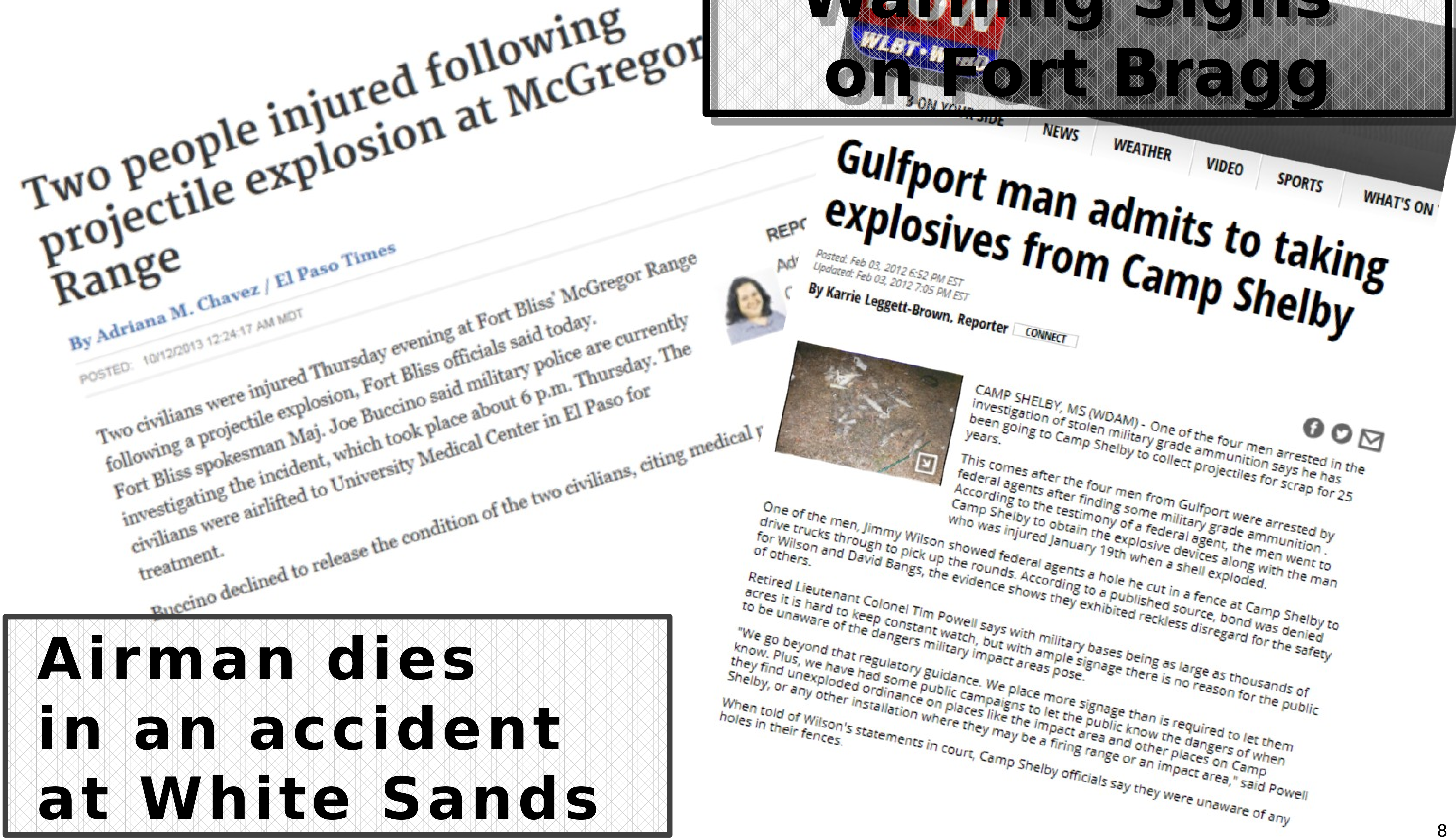
Recent Munitions Accidents

Men Ignored Warning Signs on Fort Bragg



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Two people injured following projectile explosion at McGregor Range

By Adriana M. Chavez / El Paso Times

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Two civilians were injured Thursday evening at Fort Bliss' McGregor Range following a projectile explosion, Fort Bliss officials said today.

Fort Bliss spokesman Maj. Joe Buccino said military police are currently investigating the incident, which took place about 6 p.m. Thursday. The civilians were airlifted to University Medical Center in El Paso for treatment.

Buccino declined to release the condition of the two civilians, citing medical r

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Gulfport man admits to taking explosives from Camp Shelby

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By Karrie Leggett-Brown, Reporter

CAMP SHELBY, MS (WDAM) - One of the four men arrested in the investigation of stolen military grade ammunition says he has been going to Camp Shelby to collect projectiles for scrap for 25 years.

This comes after the four men from Gulfport were arrested by federal agents after finding some military grade ammunition . According to the testimony of a federal agent, the men went to Camp Shelby to obtain the explosive devices along with the man who was injured January 19th when a shell exploded.

One of the men, Jimmy Wilson showed federal agents a hole he cut in a fence at Camp Shelby to drive trucks through to pick up the rounds. According to a published source, bond was denied for Wilson and David Bangs, the evidence shows they exhibited reckless disregard for the safety of others.

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Tim Powell says with military bases being as large as thousands of acres it is hard to keep constant watch, but with ample signage there is no reason for the public to be unaware of the dangers military impact areas pose.

"We go beyond that regulatory guidance. We place more signage than is required to let them know. Plus, we have had some public campaigns to let the public know the dangers of when they find unexploded ordinance on places like the impact area and other places on Camp Shelby, or any other installation where they may be a firing range or an impact area," said Powell

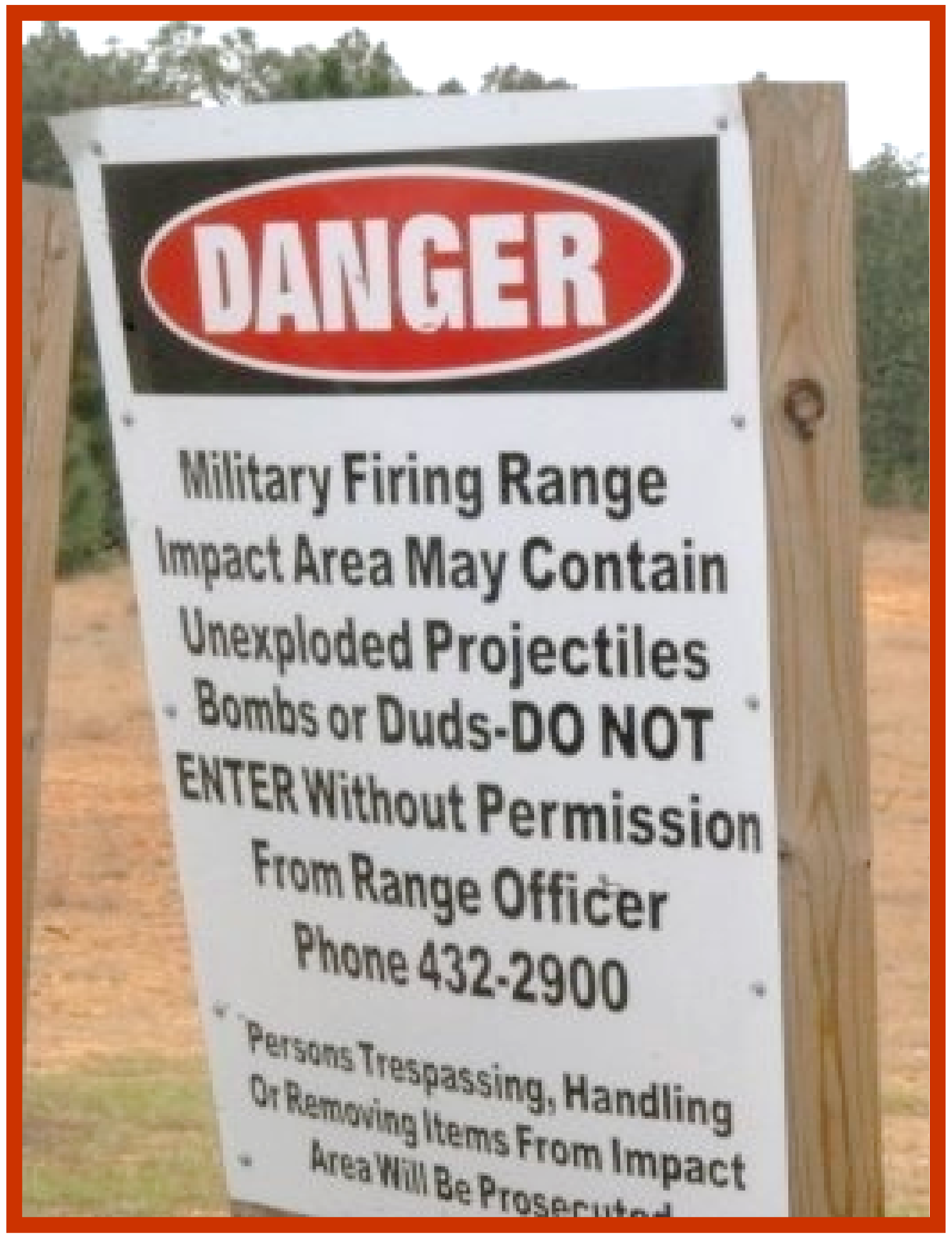
When told of Wilson's statements in court, Camp Shelby officials say they were unaware of any holes in their fences.

Airman dies in an accident at White Sands

Examples of Warning Signs

Trespassing on areas with warning signs or gates :

- is hazardous and prohibited by law.
- may result in substantial fines.
- may result in injury or death.


DANGER
Military Firing Range
Impact Area May Contain
Unexploded Projectiles
Bombs or Duds-DO NOT
ENTER Without Permission
From Range Officer
Phone 432-2900
Persons Trespassing, Handling
Or Removing Items From Impact
Area Will Be Prosecut

DANGER
UNEXPLODED
MUNITIONS
KEEP OUT
PELIGRO
MUNICIONES
SIN EXPLOTAR
ENTRADA PROHIBIDA

U.S. GOVERNMENT
PROPERTY
KEEP OUT
DANGER
STOP

DANGER
MILITARY FIRING RANGE
UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE
DO NOT ENTER

What to Do if You Encounter Munitions

- Recognize that munitions are dangerous.

  Munitions may:

  - not look like a bullet or bomb.
  - look harmless, but they are dangerous.
  - be shiny or rusty.
  - be clean or dirty.

  Regardless of whether a munition has been moved, it may still explode. In fact, used munitions can be more dangerous than new.

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What to Do if You Encounter Munitions

- Retreat
  - Do not approach, touch, move, or disturb, but carefully leave area the same way you entered.
  - In remote surroundings, mark general area where you encountered a munition, so local authorities can locate. DO NOT go closer to munition when marking area.

What to Do if You Encounter Munitions

- Report what you saw and where you saw it.
  - ☐ Call 911
  - ☐ Authorities will clear area, and trained Explosives Ordnance Disposal (EOD) personnel will dispose of ite

Call authorities

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